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2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DIPLOMA

IN

CIVIL ENGINEERING

COURSE CODE: DCE 065

COURSE TITLE: STRENGTH OF MATERIALS

DATE: MONDAY 28TH JANUARY 2019 TIME: 3.00PM – 5.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper contains **FOUR** questions
2. Question **ONE** is **COMPULSORY**
3. Attempt any other **TWO** questions
4. Marks for each question are indicated in the parenthesis.
5. Examination duration is **2 Hours**

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QUESTION ONE – COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) Differentiate between
- i. Young's Modulus and Modulus of Rigidity (2 Marks)
 - ii. Polar second moment of area and section modulus (2 Marks)
- b) What are the assumptions that make the torsion theory to hold? (5 Marks)
- c) The coupling shown below is constructed from steel of rectangular cross-section and is designed to transmit a tensile force of 50kN. If the bolt is of 15mm diameter calculate
- i. the shear stress in the bolt; (4 Marks)
 - ii. the direct stress in the plate; (3 Marks)
 - iii. the direct stress in the forked end of the coupling (3 Marks)
- d) Outline assumptions of the theory of pure bending (3 Marks)
- e) Define the following: (4 Marks)
- i. Principle planes
 - ii. Principle shear
- f) A circular bar 40mm diameter carries an axial tensile load of 100kN. What is the value of shear stress on the planes of which the normal stress has a value of 50MN/m² tensile? (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) A 25 mm diameter bar is subjected to an axial tensile load of 100kN. Under the action of this load a 200mm gauge length is found to extend 0.19×10^{-3} mm. Determine the modulus of elasticity for the bar material. (5 Marks)
- b) If, in order to reduce weight whilst keeping the external diameter constant, the bar is bored axially to produce a cylinder of uniform thickness, what is the maximum diameter of bore possible given that the maximum allowable stress is 240MN/m²? The load can be assumed to remain constant at 100kN. (5 Marks)
- c) What will be the change in the outside diameter of the bar under the limiting stress quoted in (b)? ($E = 210\text{GN/m}^2$ and $\nu = 0.3$). (5 Marks)
- d) A circular bar ABC, 3m long, is rigidly fixed at its ends A and C. The portion AB is 1.8m long and of 50mm diameter and BC is 1.2m long and of 25 mm diameter. If a twisting moment of 680N m is applied at B, determine the values of the resisting moments at A and C and the maximum stress in each section of the shaft. What will be the angle of twist of each portion? For the material of the shaft $G = 80 \text{ GN/m}^2$. (5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) A uniform T-section beam is 100 mm wide and 150 mm deep with a flange thickness of 25 mm and a web thickness of 12 mm. If the limiting bending stresses for the material of the beam are 80 MN/m² in compression and 160 MN/m² in tension, find the maximum u.d.l. That the beam can carry over a simply supported span of 5 m. (10 Marks)
- b) An I-section girder, 200 mm wide by 300 mm deep, with flange and web of thickness 20 mm is used as a simply supported beam over a span of 7 m. The girder carries a distributed load of 5 kN/m and a concentrated load of 20 kN at mid-span. Determine:
- The second moment of area of the cross-section of the girder, (5 Marks)
 - The maximum stress set-up. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) A material is subjected to two mutually perpendicular direct stresses of 80 MN/m² tensile and 50 MN/m² compressive, together with a shear stress of 30 MN/m². The shear couple acting on planes carrying the 80 MN/m² stress is clockwise in effect. Calculate
- The magnitude and nature of the principal stresses. (5 Marks)
 - The magnitude of the maximum shear stresses in the plane of the given stress system. (5 Marks)
 - The direction of the planes on which these stresses act. (5 Marks)
- b) Confirm your answer of part (a) means of a Mohr's stress circle diagram, and from the diagram determine the magnitude of the normal stress on a plane inclined at 20° counterclockwise to the plane on which the 50 MN/m² stress acts. (5 Marks)